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Winchester wrestlers wrap up 2025 with matches in Leominster, Natick

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Winchester High wrestler Maria Baldwin prepares to wrestle her Franklin counterpart during a match in Leominster on Dec. 27. COURTESY PHOTO/LIAM RITTENHOUSE

The Winchester High varsity wrestling team (1-1 in the Middlese
was back on the mat two days after Christmas to participate in a t

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against Franklin and host Leominster on Dec. 27, while the JVs traveled to Natick with Coach Ryan Errico for their own tournament.

In the meet at Leominster, several varsity wrestlers recorded wins, led by Ian Welsh and Ilyas Malik, who came away with two wins apiece. Maria Baldwin, Henry Wallace, Leo Gannon, Shaun Garrett and Kai Napadow Baquero also took home victories.

Winchester High wrestler Henry Wallace sprawls to defend a takedown attempt by his Franklin opponent during a match in Leominster on Dec. 27. COURTESY PHOTO/LIAM RITTENHOUSE

But overall, the team still had too many starters out with injuries, sickness and holiday travel plans, and as a result had to give up too many forfeits, which count as six-point losses, the same as a pinfall.

The Red & Black fell to Frankin by one slip point, 40-39, even though they won six out of the eight matches. Winchester also dropped a 48-32 decision to host Leominster, despite once again securing its share of matches. In this case, they collected three wins out of six encounters.

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The Winchester varsity wrestlers are slowly recovering from injuries, and hopefully in the new year they won't be shorthanded again going into dual meets.

During the JV match in Natick, several local grapplers placed, including third place finishers Bowden Chamberlain, Declan Welsh and Jack Anderson. Seojun Ryu accounted for a fourth-place finish. Jacob Quave came in fifth in his weight class. Stipan Persikic and Ben Gagne each settled for sixth.

Winchester High wrestler Ilyas Malik looks out from the team huddle after warmups, before the tri-match against Franklin and Leominster gets underway in Leominster on Dec. 27. COURTESY PHOTO/LIAM RITTENHOUSE

Following the Natick Tournament, Errico said this was a great experience for his freshmen and sophomore wrestlers, who will be needed to [illegible] holes in the varsity lineup as the season progresses throughout t[illegible] two months.

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The Winchester High boys hockey team (12-9-2), the 17th seed, edged the 16th-seeded Wachusett Regional Mountaineers (18-2-1), 5-4 in a Round of 32 Division 1 state tournament game at Westborough's Northstar Ice Arena on Feb. 25. The Red & Black will now take on top seed Catholic Memorial (18-2-1)

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The Winchester High boys basketball team, the 22nd seed, will take on Middlesex League rival Lexington, the 11th seed, to begin the Division 1 state tournament in the Round of 32 on Friday night, Feb. 27, starting at 6 p.m. These teams are so evenly matched, beginning with the

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The following was submitted by the Ripley Chapel at First Congregational Church: On Friday, March 13, beginning at 7:30 p.m., live in-person and live streamed from the stunning Ripley Chapel at First Congregational Church, Winchester, 21 Church St., join in with Syldason, a duo concert featuring Sylvie Zakarian,

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